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DOE Announces New Manager for the Carlsbad Field Office

The Department of Energy (DOE) today announced the selection of Todd Shrader as the manager for the Carlsbad Field Office (CBFO).

“Todd Shrader is a proven leader and experienced engineer who has successfully tackled some of DOE’s toughest issues,” said Monica Regalbuto, Assistant Secretary for DOE’s Office of Environmental Management (EM). “He is the right person to lead the excellent team we have in Carlsbad, as we all remain focused on safely resuming waste emplacement operations at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant as quickly and efficiently as possible.”

Mr. Shrader’s past experience includes:

- Director of the headquarters office responsible for supporting Hanford’s Office of River Protection. In this role, he has led DOE EM efforts with the State of Washington, including development of work scope, budget, and schedules for tank retrievals and the completion of the Waste Treatment Plant. He has also been a key contributor to the development of the revised path forward for the plant, including authoring the Framework document that describes the approach for completing the Waste Treatment Plant in phases, thus allowing for vitrification of waste to begin as soon as practicable.
- A project manager for the Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management, leading key components of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) licensing process for the Yucca Mountain Project, including work on the safety basis, programmatic impacts, and long-term performance of a repository during NRC review. He was also the federal lead for the development of the portions of the license application describing the sub-surface repository engineering and design.

- Various positions at the Hanford Site, including serving as the Hanford Site Transuranic (TRU) Waste Program manager and Hanford's representative to the DOE TRU Waste Corporate Board. He was also a conduct of operations subject matter expert with oversight responsibilities for waste management operations, including TRU waste retrieval, packaging, storage, and disposal. Finally, he also served as a Facility Area Engineer for the Waste Treatment Plant and gained valuable experience overseeing the construction of this large radiological/chemical processing facility.

Dana Bryson, the current Acting CBFO Manager, recently announced his retirement. Bryson and Shrader will be working together over the next couple of months to ensure a smooth transition.

Next WIPP Town Hall Meeting Scheduled September 3

The City of Carlsbad and the Department of Energy will co-host the next WIPP Town Hall meeting featuring updates on recovery activities. This month's meeting will include a Radiation 101 presentation and discussion from WIPP site health physicists. The meeting is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Thursday, September 3, at the Carlsbad City Council Chambers, 101 N. Halagueno Street. Live streaming of the meeting can be seen at <http://new.livestream.com/rrv/>.